

**Listing of the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-21. (cancelled)

22. (Currently amended) An apparatus for dispensing at least one material to a periodontal pocket comprising:

a barrel including a body portion and a tube portion, the tube portion extending from the body portion and including a tip comprising an inner wall thickness, said tip tapering distally such that said inner wall thickness is reduced by said tapering, thereby permitting said tip to be configured for being deformed to at least one cross-sectional geometry different from its initial cross-sectional geometry;

a plunger, at least a portion of the plunger slidably housed within the barrel, the plunger configured for contacting a portion of an external force applying member; and

a quantity of dry particles, at least a portion of the dry particles within the tip, wherein the body portion of the barrel includes flexible flanges for forming a temporary locking engagement with at least a portion of an external force applying member.

23. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the body portion includes at least one nub for receipt in a correspondingly configured indent in at least a portion of an external force applying member to prevent the barrel from rotating.

24. (original) The apparatus of claim 23, additionally comprising:  
an external force applying member.

25. (original) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the external force applying member includes a handle.

26. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 25, wherein the handle includes:  
a sleeve including an indent for engaging the at least one nub; and  
a spring-loaded shaft housed at least partially within the sleeve;  
the sleeve and the shaft configured to engage at least a portion of each of the flexible flanges of  
the body portion of the barrel.

27. (original) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the spring-loaded shaft includes:  
a proximal end and a distal end; and  
a thumb ring at the proximal end.

28-48. (cancelled)

49. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the body portion of the barrel  
further comprises a collar from which the flanges extend.

50. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the flexible flanges are designed  
to move radially outward and inward.

51-52. (Cancelled)